UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA



INDICTMENT FOR MAIL FRAUD

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA * CRIMINAL NO.

v. * SECTION:

ANTHONY TULLI * VIOLATION: 18 U.S.C. § 1341

18 U.S.C. § 2

The Grand Jury charges that:

COUNT 1

A. AT ALL TIMES MATERIAL HEREIN:

1. The defendant, ANTHONY TULLI, then a certified public account, resident of Mandeville, Louisiana, conducted a bookkeeping business under the name "Two Dagos in Heat" ("T.D.I.H."), with it's principal place of business in Mandeville, Louisiana.

2. ABC, LLC, a business known to the Grand Jury, was a hair cutting salon, with locations in Mandeville and Covington, Louisiana.

B. THE SCHEME TO DEFRAUD

Beginning at a time unknown, but sometime during 1999 and continuing through on or about April 2005, defendant ANTHONY TULLI contracted with ABC, LLC to provide payroll services for the two salon locations in Mandeville and Covington. Defendant ANTHONY TULLI, then a certified public accountant licensed in the State of Louisiana, agreed to, for a fee, submit weekly invoices for payroll and taxes to ABC, LLC, and TULLI was to, among other things, issue payroll checks to ABC, LLC employees and withhold a variety of state and federal taxes, including state and federal income taxes, state and federal unemployment withholdings as well as federal social security and medicare withholdings. TULLI was to forward these taxes to the appropriate taxing authorities.

Instead of providing the service as contracted, defendant ANTHONY TULLI devised a scheme and artifice to defraud ABC, LLC, by failing to submit the majority of the withholdings to the proper taxing authorities and stealing the monies. It was a further part of the scheme and artifice that defendant ANTHONY TULLI listed his address as the point of contact with the various taxing authorities, as said authorities sent deficiency notices to ABC, LLC when taxes were not paid. It was further a part of the scheme and artifice to defraud for defendant ANTHONY TULLI in order to hide his thefts of monies which should have been paid to the proper taxing authorities, had the deficiency notices sent to his

business address, not the victim business, thus disguising the scheme, and allowing it to continue. **TULLI** failed to submit at least \$40,000.00 in various state and federal taxes.

C. THE MAILING

On or about April 12, 2005, in the Eastern District of Louisiana, defendant ANTHONY TULLI, having devised the above described scheme and artifice to defraud, for purposes of executing the aforesaid scheme and artifice to defraud ABC, LLC, and attempting to do so, knowingly and willfully caused to be delivered by the United States Postal Service, according to the direction thereon, in the Eastern District of Louisiana, mail matter in the form of a State of Louisiana Delinquent Tax Notice to ANTHONY TULLI's business address in Mandeville, Louisiana instead of the victim business, in order to hide and conceal his scheme and artifice to defraud.

All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1341 and 2.

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MANDEVILLE MAN INDICTED FOR MAIL FRAUD

NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA - ANTHONY TULLI, age 54, a resident of Mandeville, Louisiana, was charged by a federal Grand Jury in a one-count indictment for mail fraud, announced U.S. Attorney Jim Letten.

According to the indictment, TULLI, a certified public accountant, devised a fraudulent scheme to defraud a North Shore business out of at least \$40,000.00. TULLI contracted with the business to handle all of its payroll services. He was to issue pay checks to employees, calculate tax withholdings and submit the federal and state income taxes to the appropriate taxing authority. The indictment states that TULLI failed to submit the taxes on behalf of the business as he was contracted to do, and hid his scheme by listing his business address as the point of contact instead of the victim business when the taxing authorities sent delinquent notices.

If convicted, **TULLI** faces a maximum term of imprisonment of twenty (20) years, and a \$100 special assessment, and could also be ordered to pay restitution to the North Shore business.

U. S. Attorney Letten reiterated that an indictment is merely a charge and that the guilt of the defendant must be proven beyond a reasonable doubt.

The case was investigated by agents of the Internal Revenue Service, Criminal Investigation Division and is being prosecuted by Assistant U. S. Attorney Carter K. D. Guice, Jr.

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